TO THE HONOURABLE the Committee of *PARLIAMENT* FOR Prisons and Prisoners.

The humble Petition of William Abel, *and* Robert Shawe, *now Prisoners in the Upper Bench.*

Sheweth,

THat the granting of Wine Licenses in *England* and *Wales* were excepted out of the Statutes of Monopolies, in the 21 year of the late King *James.*

That the late King *Charles* the 20th. day of *December*, in the seventh yeer of his Reigne, by Indenture under the great Seal of *England*, did constitute *George* Lord *Goring*, and others in trust for him Agent or Agents for the Wine Licenses in *England*, *Wales* and *Barwick*, *Devon*, *Cornwall*, and *Exeter* excepted, for 21 yeers, from the 20th. of *December* 1630.

That in the yeer 1638, the said late King for valuable considerations, granted to Sir *Sackvil Crowe* Baronet 1600 *li. per annum*, to be issuing out of the Rents, and Sums of money payable

ble to the late King his Heirs, and Successors, for or in re-
pect of granting Licenses for selling of Wines amounting
hen unto 2166 *li.* 13 *shil.* 4 *d. per annum.* So as there remained
o the Crown only 566 *li.* 13 *shil.* 4 *d. per annum*, out of which
600 *li. per annum*, your Petitioner *William Abel* with three o-
hers purchased 400 *li. per annum*, which cost 2400 *li.*

That also certain Copartners, being before-hand advised
y learned Counsel of the legality of the said Lord *Gorings* and
is Trustees Interest, divers of them to the number of thirty,
d authorize & give order under their hands to your Petitio-
ers and others to buy the said Interest, and did likewise under
eir hands engage to save your Petitioners and the rest harm-
ss for what moneys they should take up at interest towards-
he said purchase (as by a Copy of the said Subscription hereto
nnexed will appear.)

That in pursuance of the said Copartners order, your Peti-
oners and others did in the yeer 1639, for and in considera-
on of 18000 *li.* paid to the said Lord *Goring*, and of the
id 2166 *li.* 13 *shil.* 4 *d.* reserved to the Crown, purchase the
id Lord *Gorings* Interest and Agency from him and his said
rustees.

That the said Lord *Goring* did enter into a Statute of 24000
i. to your Petitioners, and ten others of the Copartners nomi-
ated by the rest, and did likewise himself, and one *Philip War-*
wick, his trustee Covenant to and with your Petitioners, and
he said ten others likewise nominated by the rest, that they
hould peaceably and quietly enjoy the said Agencie from
hemselves or from any other person or persons claiming in,
om, by or under them, or either of them, &c.

That one *William Dickins*, sometimes servant to the Lord
Goring, did manage the said Agencie for the Lord *Goring*, and
fterwards for the said Copartners so long as he lived. And
fter him *Francis Dickins* Gentleman his son, did the like for
he said Copartners, and respectively accompted before Audi-
ous *Spachman* in their names, and to their uses.

That the said Copartners enjoyed the said Agency, and

400 *li. per annum*, until they were interrupted by *Francis Dickins*, under pretence of a former Deed from the said Lord *Goring* to the said *William Dickins*. Which *Francis* went to *Oxford* in the yeere 1643. By reason whereof the then Committee of the publique Revenue sequestred the said Agency, and all rents and profits, &c. and put in other Agents of their own nomination, who keep their Office in *Fleetstreet*, and have enjoyed the profits thereof ever since, And under pretence of *Francis Dickins's* Delinquency.

And your Petitioners thereupon have several times petitioned and appeared before that Honourable Committee for a release of the said Sequestration, but could never obtein a final hearing thereupon.

That when the present Agents entred upon the said Agency there was due to the said Copartners for Arreares and Fines 14000 *li.* or thereabouts, and in annuall Rents for Licenses about 3000 *li. per annum*, besides the profits and benefit of making and renewing Licenses, and all Arreares and Profits, except 566 *li.* 13 *shil.* 4 *d. per annum*, due to the late King, all which was of right to have come to the hands of the said Copartners, they having really disbursed for the same, by the hands of your Petitioners 20400 *li.* a very great part whereof was taken up at interest (as by a particular of the bonds hereto annexed will appear) by your Petitioners, and some others, by the order and appointment of the said Copartners (as aforesaid.) And your Petitioners have a long time undergone the hard bonds, great charge and disgrace of imprisonment for the same, and are still like to continue there (without redress) to their utter ruine.

Now for as much as your Petitioners have had many tedious and vexatious suits, yet undetermined, with the said Copartners and others involved in this business, whereby vast summes have been fruitlesly expended in suits at Law and equity, and your Petitioners estates wasted, and they become altogether unable to support such exorbitant charges, with so many and so powerful adversaries.

Your Petitioners therefore (for their more ſpeedy relief herein) humbly pray that your Honours will be pleaſed to commiſerate their diſtreſſed eſtate, and to call before your Honours the ſaid Copartners, the ſaid now preſent Agents, the ſaid Lord *Goring* and his Truſtees, and the ſaid *Francis Dickins*, and to command to be brought before all Deeds, Writings, Books of Accompt, and to examine all ſuch parties and witneſſes upon oath, as may tend to the ſetting forth of right and truth, and the diſcovery of deceit and fraud, and to reſtore to each party according to juſtice and equity.

And your Petitioners ſhall ever pray, &c.

THis presents witnesseth, That we the Adventurers in the Farms of 40 *shil. per Tonne* and Wine-Licenses, do give order unto the Worshipfull *William Abell* Alderman of the City of *London*, *Richard Kilvert* Esquire, Master *Robert Shawe*, Master *Edward Darlinge*, Master *Ralph Moore*, and Master *George Griffith*, to make an absolute end with the Right Honourable *George* Lord *Goring*, concerning his three thousand pounds *per annum* out of the Wine-Licenses, and what they conclude we will allow, and for what moneys shall be taken up at Interest by any towards payment of that business, we will save them harmlesse for our proportions adventured. In witness whereof we have hereunto put our hands the 15th. *November*, 1639.

Edward Kynaston
Richard Kilvert
Matthew Forster
Jacob Bonamye
Robert Lee
Andrew Courtman
Fran. Ashwell
John Gregory
Thomas Symcottes
John Wilcocks
Thomas Darlinge
Thomas Goughe
Ralph Hutchinson
William Abell
Rowland Wilson
William Conradus
Henry Sanders
Ralph King
Henry Croone
George Stanley

Chr.

Chr. Metcalfe *William Thanns*
Edward Terry *Thomas Dudley*
Ioseph Rogers *Cornelius Cooke*
William Kempster *Mark Hildesley*
William Dickins *Thomas Cox.*

Will. Abell

Bound to *George Gaell* Gent. in a Bond of 1200 *li.* to pay 676, the Bond is dated the 27 of May 1640 payable the 27 of November following. } 676

Will. Abell
Rob. Shaw
E. Darling

Bound to *Edmond Hamond* in a Bond of 1500 *li.* to pay 1037 *li.* 10 *sh.* the Bond is dated the 18 of November 1639, due the 20 of May 1640. } 1037-10

Will. Abel
E. Darling
W. Dickins

Bound to Sir *Jarvis Elwes* in a Bond of 800 *li.* to pay 520, the Bond is dated the 16 of May 1639 payable the 18 of November following. } 520

Will. Abell
W. Leechland
Rob. Shaw
Ral. Moore.

Bound to *Peter Bulteel* Merchant in a Bond of 1000 *li.* to pay 624, the Bond is dated the 16 of June 1640, payable the 24 of December following. } 624

William

Will. Abell
W. Leechland
Rob. Shawe
Ral. Moore

Bound to *Richard Woodward* Esq. in a Bond of 1000 *li.* to pay 622 *li.* 10 *ſh.* The Bond is dated the 15 of June 1640, payable the 17 of December following. } 622-10

Will. Abell.
W. Leechland
Rob. Shaw
Ral. Moor

Bound to Dame *Anne Moulſon* in a Bond of 2200 *li.* to pay 1556 *li.* 5 *ſh.* The Bond is dated the 15 of June 1640, payable the 17 of December following. } 1556-5

William Abell is damnified by the Co-partnerſhip over and above theſe Bonds,

Robert

Robert Shaw is damnified by the Co-partnership, over and obove these Bonds,

Ralph Moore obscures himself, so as he cannot be taken by Arrest.

Edward Darlingr, *William Leechland*, and *William Dickins*, are all three deceased, and plead no Assettes, et were all three supposed to have left great estates chinde them.

A Perticular of the Names of the Co-adventurers, with their perticular Adventures, as they are ſet down nnder the hand of Mr. Geor. Griffith *one of the Farmers or Cortractors, and now Maſter of the Company of Vintners.*

Alderman *Abel*	1000 li.	mr. *Hilleſley.*	750
Mr. *Davis.*	1000	mr. *Tho. Cox*	500 }
Mr. *Darling.*	1000	mr. *Corn Cook*	250 } 2000
Mr. *Leechland.*	1000	mr. *He. Lee Vi.*	250 }
Mr. *Ralph Moore.*	1000	mr. *R. Meers*	250
Mr. *Griffith.*	1000	mr. *Gregory,*	1000
Mr. *Courtman*	1000	mr. *Simcots.*	1000
Captain *Forſter.*	1000	mr. *Dudley.*	0500
Mr. *Hamond.*	1000	mr. *Wilcoxe.*	1000
Mr. *Rowland Wilſon.*	1000	mr. *R. Hutchinſon,*	1000
Mr. *Bowyer*	7500	mr. *Rogers.*	0500
Mr. *T Hutchinſon.*	5500	mr. *Crone.*	0500
mr. *Rich Kilvert.*	1000	mr. *Robert Lee*	0500
mr. *Robert Shaw.*	1000	Capt. *Sanders.*	0500
mr. *Matthew Terry*	250	mr. *Meacalf,*	0500
mr. *Edward Terry*	250	mr. *Gough.*	0500
mr. *Ed. Kinaſton.*	500	Ca *Geor Langham.*	1000
mr. *Kimpſter.*	500	mr. *Dickens.*	1000
mr. *Bonamy* 500	1000	mr. *G. Stanley* 500	1000
mr. *Hancock,* 500		mr *Ihanns* 500	
mr. *King.*	500	mr. *Roger Kilvert*	1000
mr. *Conradus.*	500	mr. *Thomas Darlin*	0500
mr. *Aſhvel*	1000	mr *H. Lee* merchant	1000
		mr. *Hulbert.*	1000